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"AKIM's" ILL-HEALTH AND NEED OF ENCOURAGEMENT

From: NEW YORK

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To SEMEN.

A few days ago AKIM[i] had a severe heart attack which
[20 groups unrecovered]

severe nervous overstrain which has produced a fall in cardiac activity, a severe lowering of blood pressure and attacks of vertigo. The doctor considers a two months' rest with treatment the absolute minimum necessary to avoid complications.

In connection with this incident we may remark that a similar attack has already occurred in another town while AKIM was there on our business. AKIM also suffers from a stomach complaint. We emphasise that the vague reaction of the Centre to A.'s[i] repeated requests and proposals for filling personnel vacancies in the Fifth Line and in general for improving the work, the absence of profound appreciation of his work so far, which is evidently to be explained by an inadequate conception of the colossal difficulties of his work, have [C% always] been hard for A. to bear and have undoubtedly helped to pave the way for his illness, bearing in mind the enormous pressure at which he works. To restore his health,

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which is in real danger, I urgently plead that he be granted two weeks' leave within the next few days. [B6 Furthermore] I consider it essential that there should be sent a thorough-going appreciation of his work from the moment of his arrival in the COUNTRY [STRANA][iii], not merely enumerating his mistakes and failures but also

[32 groups unrecoverable]

neither the strength nor the health to cope with his difficult sector.

Your number 114[iv]. We have received the statement in a special telegram [and][a] will give some practical consideration on what is involved in the changes scheduled.

No. 910

MAY [MAJ][v]

T.N.: [a] Inserted by the translator.

Comments: [i] AKIM: Sergej Grigor'evich LIK'YANOV.

[ii] ... i.e. AKIM.

[iii] STRANA: the U.S.A.

[iv] Not available. Also referred to in NEW YORK's external no. 1661 of 28th November 1944 [S/NBF/T423].

[v] MAJ: Pavel Ivanovich FEDOSIMOV.
